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Capt. John M Cyrus, Co. E, Fiftieth Illinois.

"Shall Our Old Fiftieth Be Forgot."

Dedicated to the Old Blind Half Hundred.

By Mrs. Capt. John M Cyrus.

Shall our Old Fiftieth be forgot
And never brought to mind?
The toils, the fiery rain of shot
They faced with courage blind?

Shall those who helped to save the land
Unhonored stand to-day?
Shall men of that heroic band
For our poor homage pray?

Shall we forget those cots of pain?
The marches long and drear?
'Neath burning sun or pelting rain
When gone seemed ev'ry cheer?

Shall we forget those others too?
Who silent 'round us stand?
Tho' lost to touch and loving view,
They're here a mighty band.

A roll-call in our hearts is said
And ev'ry answer's clear,
For those the thoughtless world calls dead
Are meeting with us here.

Then in our galaxy of fame,
'Mong bravest boys in blue
In pride and gratitude we name
Our Fiftieth grand and true.

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